



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Account Number 10856111 in amount of \$4,500
Account Number 10638875 in amount of \$4,915.67
Account Number 10948608 in amount of \$4,788.52
Account Number 10830210 in amount of \$4,147.43
Account Number 10833342 in amount of \$5,000

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

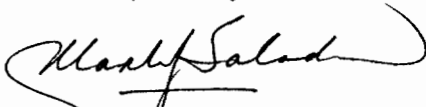
FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

by 
Principal Deputy County Counsel

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 81A
DATE: April 20, 2006

Amount of Aid	\$23,448.00	Account Number	10856111
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
Balance Due	23,448.00	Service Date	12/13/03 to 12/16/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,500.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$18,948.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$23,448.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Missirian Orthopedic	2,606.00	500.00	3.33%
County of Los Angeles	23,448.00	4,500.00	30.00%
Net to Client	N/A	5,000.00	33.34%
Total	\$31,054.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 81B
DATE: April 20, 2006

Amount of Aid	\$74,244.00	Account Number	10638875
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	74,244.00	Service Date	8/20/01 to 4/11/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,915.67	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$69,328.33	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$74,244.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,915.66	32.77%
Attorney Cost	253.00	253.00	1.69%
County of Los Angeles	74,244.00	4,915.67	32.77%
Net to Client	N/A	4,915.67	32.77%
Total	\$79,497.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed, lives with his parents, and receives general relief and food stamps. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 81C
DATE: April 20, 2006

Amount of Aid	\$62,127.00	Account Number	10948608
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	62,127.00	Service Date	2/25/05 to 3/14/05
Compromise Amount Offered	4,788.52	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$57,338.48	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$62,127.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,869.84	32.47%
Attorney Cost	2,890.50	390.50	2.60%
Westmed Ambulance Inc.	1,057.75	81.82	0.55%
County of Los Angeles	62,127.00	4,788.52	31.92%
Net to Client	N/A	4,869.32	32.46%
Total	\$72,075.25	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives support from friends. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 81D
DATE: April 20, 2006

Amount of Aid	\$85,148.00	Account Number	10830210
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
Balance Due	85,148.00	Service Date	02/21/04 to 03/05/04
Compromise Amount Offered	4,147.43	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$81,000.57	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$85,148.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$13,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,333.33	\$ 4,333.33	33.33%
Gilberto Gomez, D.C.	3,195.50	155.65	1.20%
Los Angeles Fire Department	621.25	30.26	0.23%
County of Los Angeles	85,148.00	4,147.43	31.91%
Net to Client	N/A	4,333.33	33.33%
Total	\$93,298.08	\$13,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives support from relatives. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 81E
DATE: April 20, 2006

Amount of Aid	\$44,024.00	Account Number	10833342
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	44,024.00	Service Date	4/22/04 to 5/19/04
Compromise Amount Offered	5,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$39,024.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$44,024.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	450.00	450.00	3.00%
County of Los Angeles	44,024.00	5,000.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	4,550.00	30.34%
Total	\$49,474.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and homeless. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.